# Tracking Aerosol Convection Interactions ExpeRiment (TRACER)

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#### TRACER+ Campaigns - Houston, TX Sept. 2021- Oct. 2022

#### TRACER (DOE) - Oct '21 through Sep '22

ARM Mobile Facility (Cloud, Aerosol) C-band Scanning ARM Radar See Poster (Jensen, Wales)

#### TRACER IOP (DOE) - Jun '22 through Sep '22

Ancillary (ANC) Site (Aerosol, Thermodynamics) ARM Tethered Balloon System (TBS) N-Pol S-band Radar (NASA) Remotely-Piloted Aerial Systems (CU, OU) See Posters (de Boer, Dubey, Sheesley, Rapp)

#### ESCAPE (NSF) - Jun '22 through July '22

Aircraft: C-130, SPEC Learjet

Radar: CSU C-band, OU/NSSL X-bands, SBU PAR Mobile: SBU Weather Truck, BNL Research Truck

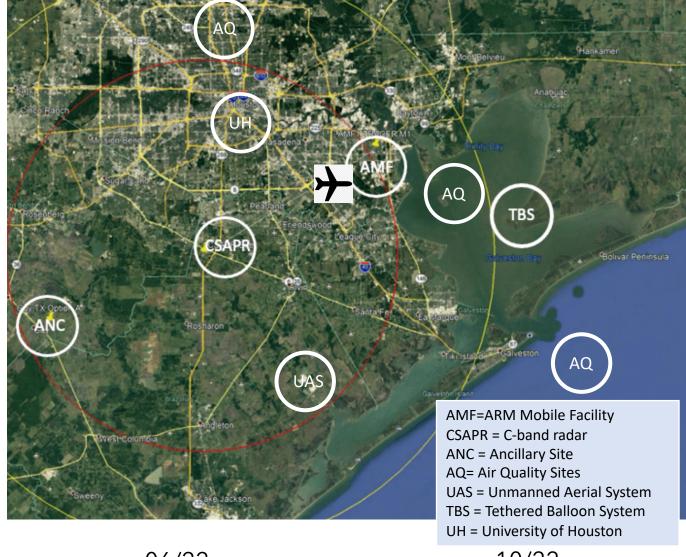
#### TRACER-AQ (NASA, TCEQ) - Sep '21

Aircraft: Gulfstream V

Remote Sensing: TOLNet, Pandora

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## LACI Related Observations

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sites
  - 75 sites within the Houston metropolitan area collecting air quality measurements.
- Ground-based Texas Soil Observation Network (TxSON)
  - Three sites near the AMF.
  - Soil type, moisture content, and temperature
- AMF measurements
  - Standard surface and PBL characterization.

## TRACER - Boundary Layer Processes Group

- Organizing boundary layer processes studies including observational strategies, post-campaign analysis and modeling.
- Led by Virendra Ghate (ANL) and Katia Lamer (BNL).
- Coordinating data products for boundary layer studies
  - PBL height and TKE dissipation rates
- Case identification through quick-look plots
  - Cases of sea breeze, shallow cumulus conditions etc.

## How to get involved in TRACER+ Science Activities

**TRACER Science and Operations** (M. Jensen) - Ongoing discussions (monthly telecons) of preparations for TRACER+ field campaigns.

**TRACER-AQ Air Quality Studies (**L. Judd, J. Sullivan) – Planning and organization (bi-monthly telecons) for TRACER-AQ deployment in September.

#### **TRACER+ Sub-Groups**

**Modeling Group (J. Fan, S. van den Heever)** - Organization of modeling efforts. **Weather Forecasting (S. Collis)** - Operational forecasting for TRACER+ campaigns. **Boundary Layer Processes (V. Ghate)** - Organization of boundary layer processes studies including observational strategies, analysis and modeling.

**Radar Scanning and Cell-Tracking (P. Kollias)** - Discussions of radar observational strategies

**Aerosol Processes (M. Dubey)** - Discussions and coordination around aerosol processes measurements and following analysis.

**Sounding Operations (P. Walter)** - Coordinating radiosonde and other profiling operations.